

Matthews Committee on Education Agenda

Meeting time and place - 7pm in the Jordan Room at Matthews Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Declare a Quorum

- a. In attendance: Jenny Reill, Joanna Schimizzi. Jason Collette, Ken McCool, Becky Hawke, Chrystie Tillery
- b. Absent: None

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from August Meeting

- a. Jenny Reill made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Collete seconded the motion. Chrystie Tillery abstained since she was not in attendance at the previous meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Committee.

3. Review Membership

- a. The Committee welcomes Audrey Hitt, which brings us to 6 members. The maximum is 9 members.
- b. The Town of Matthews has a rolling application program so applications can continuously be received.
- c. The Committee discussed ways to invite town citizens to apply.
 - i. Invite via neighbors/personal contact, ask schools/PTA to share on their Social Media
 - 1. The Committee discussed a possible Inclusion statement - how can we create that space?
 - a. The Committee requested to see how inclusion is a part of the Town Vision Statement - for committees - boards and

committees - Becky will send to Joanna and the

Committee should reference the Town's Mission - Vision 9.

- ii. During the uptick of civic elections, citizens may be more interested in being engaged.
- iii. The Town hosts Matthews 101, a 6 week learning experience - Becky can plug that Committees are accepting applications.

d. Becky to resend the MCE by-laws to review.

4. Review answers from 2022 School Resource Guide

- a. 6 schools have responded
- b. The Committee inquired about connecting with the CMS Area Superintendent and someone in the Data Department to help fill out the survey.
 - i. Mr. John Wall - new area Superintendent - for South Learning Community.
Becky and Ken agreed reach out and connect these members with the MCE.
- c. The Committee is interested in pushing the link to Social Media in October to prepare for upcoming Winter School Choice events.

5. Updates from members on Communication Plan

- a. Shared document and asynchronous check-in
 - i. Joanna will send a virtual reminder and document to fill out.
- b. Chrystie - is interested in looking at walking/transportation
- c. Other options may include the Matthews HELP Center, Matthews Free Health Clinic, school nurses.

6. Requests from MCE members on desired learning and connection with schools/school systems/education community

- a. The Committee would like to hear from the Town of Matthews and MEAC about the following topics:
 - i. Topics
 - 1. CMS School Bond - Awareness about their prioritizing certain projects
 - 2. Class size, child nutrition, Exceptional Education, fundraisers, mental health
 - 3. Mini-learning session on Town Bonds
- 7. Update from Ken McCool on MEAC (and will give monthly update)
 - a. There was not a recent update.
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. Joanna Schimizzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04. Jason C seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. The next meeting will be October 13th at 7pm.